

## No Reason To Fear Indian Raids Here

In order to more fully represent Torrance in the All-America City's contest, the City has prepared a brochure which contains, among other things, letters submitted by local school children that Mayor Albert Isen used when he presented his case to the judges in Memphis, Tennessee.

Two distinct letters, one written collectively by Mrs. Jay's kindergarten class and one by Shelley Lessin, brought out the

contrasting ideas expressed in the "Torrance Should Be the All-America City Because..." contest.

Shelley Lessin's letter read: "Buildings and people alone did not make Torrance great. Civic pride and respect for the rights of neighbors have made Torrance outstanding in the nation."

In a lighter vein, but just as meaningful, is this letter written by Mrs. Jay's class: "Torrance should be the All-America City for 1956 because there are no Indians that climb your fence and steal stuff; and nobody gets run over. When my daddy comes home at night he can drive right in our driveway and doesn't have to ride out by."



## 9-Year-Old Girl Wins Press Census Contest

A woman's intuition beat statistics in the Torrance Press census contest when a little nine-year-old girl's guess won for her first place by a one-point margin over the calculations of a Harvey aluminum chemist.

Flushed with the excitement of winning \$200 in the Torrance Press contest was Carol Mead, 9, of 5016 Lenore st., Torrance, when she found out about her good fortune.

The actual official population figure released last week is 82,241 as of October 10, 1956, the date of the census.

Carol's guess was 82,249. R. H. Pooler, 32, 23216 Huber ave., didn't do so badly either. He guessed 82,250—and won himself a portable TV set for second place prize.

Carol's guess was much shrewder than that of her parents. Her mother had placed the figure somewhere in the 83,000 and her dad guessed in the 87,000. Carol's figure was strictly her own.

She decided to enter the contest when she saw her parents do so. She hurried out of the house and found herself an entry blank.

Carol, a fourth grade pupil at Madrona elementary school, had a hard time sleeping the night she found out that she had won. She kept thinking of what to do with all that money. By the time she picked up her check she knew. She was going to call her grandparents for Christmas, buy a bike which she has always wanted, and put the rest in the bank.

Pooler said that he arrived at his conclusion by drawing a graph. While he wasn't so sure of the outcome of his predictions, his wife was pretty sure he'd win, he said.

Mrs. Pooler called her husband at work upon being informed that he was the second place winner.

"I let out a yell," Pooler said, "and then I went back to work." The TV set was donated by Baker's Furniture and the \$200 cash prize (or trip to Las Vegas)



### SANTA'S LITTLE HELPERS

Charley Gotts (l), president of the Retail Merchants, and Lt. D. C. Cook, parade coordinator, will see to it that Santa has plenty of lollipops to give away in downtown Torrance this Christmas season. The big parade is December 7, 6 p.m., downtown Torrance. That really isn't Santa in the picture—it's Gaye Wilson ("Miss Torrance").—Press Photo.

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**INTUITION VS. SCIENTIFIC METHOD**

Nine-year-old Carol Mead's method proved better than R. H. Pooler's graph in the Torrance Press census contest—she just guessed. Her guess won her \$200 first prize. Pooler didn't do so badly though. He won a portable TV set for second prize. Both methods proved pretty good—the two contestants were only one point apart in their figure. William R. Zappas, publisher of the Torrance Press, holds the chart pin-pointing where each of the contest blanks came from. A total of 1600 contestants participated from all the circulation area of the Torrance Press.—Press Photo.

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"THE FIRST TEXAN" "Earth vs. the Flying Saucers"

**Water Level Mystery Under Investigation**

Investigation of the Madrona Square water level mystery is still continuing, according to Ronald Bishop, city engineer.

Four residents, including Mrs. Glen Keller of 3114 Sonoma, have discovered that the water level in their back yards is practically below the surface. In Mrs. Keller's case, pools of water have collected just 12 inches under the surface.

Bishop said that Engineering Service corporation, engineers for Home Savings and Loan who are the subdividers, are investigating the matter.

He said that their tentative opinion coincides with his own tentative opinion that the water is the result of excessive watering from the lots above those which have been affected.

The grade of the upper lots may have been disturbed slightly, Bishop conjectured, causing the water to drain to the lower lots, draining into the ground especially along the retaining wall.

Drainage wells might be a possibility to correct the situation he indicated. These would take the water down past the clay cap into the sandy soil below.

**Old City Hall Will Be Sold**

For sale, one slightly used city hall.

City Manager George Stevens announced Tuesday that the former municipal headquarters at 1511 Cravens ave., is up for sale. Bids for the 10,000 square foot, one-story building will be received by the City Council on December 18.

Described in "good condition" the structure could be used ideally as a professional office unit. However, traffic expert Ralph Dorsey has recommended that it be torn down and the property used for off-street parking. A parking assessment district formed among owners of shopping district property is expected to bid for the building.

Also up for sale will be two lots at the rear of 20-year-old building. One of the lots has a storage house on it.

**New Sump Death-Trap Continues Unchecked**

It has been ten days since the Torrance Press called attention to a sump menace at Florwood and Sonoma, yet nothing has been about the situation.

The sump has a drainage opening at the curb which is wide enough so that a small child could conceivably slip through the opening, down the drainage pipe and into the large sump—and drown.

City Engineer Ronald Bishop indicated that he asked the subdivider to place a protection bar across the opening.

While this has not been done, most of the water that stood in the sump 10 days ago has been drained out.

Bishop said Tuesday that he had not contacted the subdivider regarding the protection bar since the story appeared in the Torrance Press but that he plans to check with the firm again "right away."

THEY'RE THE BERRIES in ideas for a happy holiday! They're the gifts and shopping suggestions in The Gift-Shopper in Torrance Press Classified Page 51.

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**Chamber To Choose Directors**

Dean L. Sears, chairman of the election committee of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, announced today, the committee had completed tabulation of votes cast in the primary election for directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce. The eight who received the largest number of votes were: Jack Dabbs (Stadium Theatre), Paul Diamond (The Gay Shop), Fred W. Hill (The National Supply Co), George N. Meylor (Torrance Hardware), J. H. Paget (J. J. Newberry Co.), R. S. Pyle (Pacific Telephone Co.) A. B. Thompson (General Petroleum) and W. R. Zappas (Torrance Press).

Ballots will be mailed to the membership with a deadline of December 18 for balloting. The four receiving the most number of votes will be declared elected at the December 10 meeting of the Board of Directors, Sears stated.

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